



NEWS FROM THE 1st DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

This week, the Republican majority in Congress sent two awful bills to the President's desk. One restricts Internet privacy, and the other defunds Planned Parenthood services for low-income women and men. Senate Republicans just pushed through a shameful bill to defund Planned Parenthood. I [voted against](#) this bill when it came before the House in January, and I'll keep defending women's and men's access to care from D.C. ideological attacks. Meanwhile, President Trump signed an executive order to [roll back](#) policies that address climate change. The threat of catastrophic climate change is very real, and these short-sighted actions leave us less prepared than ever to confront it. To fight back, I'm speaking out and supporting legislative strategies to reverse these harmful actions.

Defending Internet privacy

This week, I voted NO on a bill to roll back Internet privacy protections. Unfortunately, it passed the House. The legislation I opposed would [overturn](#) Federal Communications Commission rules that currently require Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to secure a consumer's permission before selling their private internet browsing history and other sensitive information. It would also overturn rules that currently require ISPs to use "reasonable measures" to protect consumers' personal information. The President is expected to sign the legislation.

As a strong privacy advocate, I believe Congress should be doing more to safeguard our Internet privacy, not making it harder for law-abiding citizens to protect their own data. Allowing Internet companies to sell personal information flies in the face of the New Hampshire 'live free or die' values we cherish.

Investigating Russian interference in our election

This week, after the Trump administration tried to block Former Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates, who alerted the White House to Michael Flynn's conversations with the Russian Ambassador, from testifying on Russia's involvement in our election, Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes "indefinitely postponed" (canceled) the scheduled hearing. It has become clear over the past two weeks that Chairman Nunes is unable to lead a credible investigation. Prominent Republicans like [John McCain](#) agree with this assessment. I will

continue to call for a Watergate-style independent commission to find out the truth. The American people deserve answers.

Tackling the cost of higher education

Yesterday was the 7th anniversary of the [Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act](#), a bill I helped write that is the largest investment in college aid to date. It increased Pell Grants, made college loans more affordable, and strengthened community colleges. I'm proud SAFRA has helped more students afford higher education, but I know too many people in New Hampshire and across the country still graduate with enormous debt. On the Education and Workforce Committee, I'm committed to working to make these programs stronger and to address the rising cost of college.

Delegation works together for New Hampshire

On Monday, the [delegation sent a letter](#) to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry about the perfluorochemical (PFC) contamination in the water at Pease. This is a critical community health issue, and the Delegation is working together.

On Wednesday, I joined Congresswoman Kuster and Congressman Tom MacArthur (R-NJ), as well as other members of the Bipartisan Heroin Task Force, to send a letter calling for [full funding](#) of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA). CARA focuses on addressing the opioid addiction epidemic through support for law enforcement, prevention, expansion of evidence-based treatment, and recovery services. It must be fully funded to effectively support those working on the frontlines of the heroin, fentanyl, and prescription opioid epidemic.

Open office hours

This week, my staff held open office hours in Laconia, Tilton, Belmont, and Gilford to assist constituents with issues involving federal agencies, such as Social Security benefits and VA treatment. Last week, we held office hours in Manchester, Conway, Bartlett, and Jackson. We plan to announce more open office hours soon; keep an eye on our [events page](#) for updates.

Talking about Granite Staters...

It was an honor to welcome the New Hampshire National Guard to the U.S. Capitol this week. I thanked them and their families for their service.



Our National Guard and Reserve members deserve the same benefits as those they serve with. That's why I co-introduced a bipartisan bill with Congressmen Palazzo, Walz, and Franks that would give them that.

Last weekend in Bedford, I was so impressed with all of the high school students and mentors at the FIRST Robotics competition.



It's great to see such strong engagement in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education in New Hampshire! For more pictures of this week's constituent meetings, check out the [Facebook album](#).

It continues to be an honor to represent you in Congress. Thank you for reading.

Best wishes,

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This week's press releases

- [Shea-Porter Votes to Keep Critical Internet Consumer Privacy Protections](#)
- [Shea-Porter Statement on Trump Anti-Climate Executive Actions](#)



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